



WORKFORCE SYSTEMS LETTER NO.: 07-07

DATE: March 23, 2007

EFFECT:	<u>ACTION</u>	<u>INFO</u>	<u>WITH ATTACHMENTS</u>
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	[X]	[X] UI Directors	[X]

SUBJECT: Meeting of Region 1 Unemployment Insurance (UI) Directors

1. **Purpose.** To confirm plans for a Region 1 UI Directors meeting to be held in Providence, Rhode Island on May 22 and 23, 2007.

2. **Background.** The meeting will begin at 8:30am on Tuesday, May 22 and conclude at 12:30pm on Wednesday, May 23, 2007. Our colleagues at the Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training have graciously offered to co-host the event which will be held at the Westin Hotel in Providence, Rhode Island.

3. **Agenda.** Attached is the tentative agenda. It was designed to afford state participants the chance to lead discussions and have time for information sharing between states.

4. **Logistics.** The Westin Providence Hotel is located at 1 West Exchange Street in Providence, Rhode Island. Rooms have been reserved for the nights of May 21 through May 23 at the government rate of \$144, plus 13% occupancy tax. The rooms are reserved under the name of "US Department of Labor/UI Directors' Meeting." Reservations must be made by April 13, 2007; reservations accepted after the cut-off date may be subject to room availability and charges at regular rates. Participants are responsible for travel and hotel costs associated with the meeting; parking has been negotiated for guests at a rate of \$12 per day. For additional information about the hotel please access their website at: <http://www.starwoodhotels.com/westin/property/overview/index.html?propertyID=1049> or call (401) 598-8000.

5. **Action Required by April 13, 2007.** Please book hotel reservations. Also please provide the names and job titles of each conference participant, along with any agenda suggestions to Kristen Santos at santos.kristen@dol.gov or (617) 788-0148.

6. **Inquiries.** Additional questions regarding this announcement should be directed to your UI Federal Project Officer or Kristen Santos using the above contact information.

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Enclosure

WORKFORCE SYSTEMS BUILDING

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DIRECTORS' MEETING

REGION I

Providence, Rhode Island

Tuesday, May 22, 2007

8:30 a.m. Welcome and Introductions

- Adelita Orefice – Director
Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training
- Ray Filippone – Assistant Director, Income Support
Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training
- Grace Kilbane – Regional Administrator
US Department of Labor/Employment and Training Administration (Boston)

9:00 a.m. WIRED/InnovatETA Update

- Grace Kilbane

9:15 a.m. Regional Office Update

- Tim Martin – Division Chief – Division of Workforce Security
US Department of Labor/Employment and Training Administration (Boston)

9:30 a.m. Unemployment Insurance Program Update

- Cheryl Atkinson – Administrator
US Department of Labor/Employment and Training Administration
Office of Workforce Security

10:30 a.m. NASWA UI Committee update

- Diane Carpenter – New Hampshire UI Director/NASWA Committee member

11:00 p.m. ITSC – UI SIDES

- John Sharkey – ITSC Executive Director

12:00 p.m. Lunch

1:00 p.m. Autocoder – Lessons learned

- Ray Filippone - Rhode Island

1:30 p.m. REA Updates

- Patrick Devaney – New York – Director Unemployment Benefit Operations
- Laura Boyett – Maine – Unemployment Insurance Director
- State efforts involving improving reemployment of UI claimants (all states)

2:30 p.m. Disaster Preparedness

- John Sharkey – ITSC's Disaster Preparedness initiative
- Ray Filippone – member of ITSC Disaster Preparedness team
- State updates on disaster preparedness efforts (all states)

3:30 p.m. Break

3:45 p.m. SUTA Dumping

- Amanda Shaffer – Federal Project Officer
US Department of Labor/Employment and Training Administration (Boston)
- Carl Guzzardi – Connecticut – Tax Unit Manager
Connecticut Department of Labor and Training
- State updates on integrity efforts (ie, crossmatches, etc.) (all states)

5:00 p.m. Adjourn

Wednesday, May 23, 2007

8:30 a.m. Electronic Payments – Update from New York

- Nancy Dunphy – New York – Director of Benefit Payments and Tax Accounting

9:00 a.m. Legislative Issues

- Laura Boyett – Maine
ABC Test, handling out-of-country claims
- Rick Marino – New York
Confidentiality – protecting claimant information in today's environment
- State updates on new/proposed legislation (all states)

10:00 a.m. Break

10:15 a.m. Federal Issues – RO staff

12:00 p.m. Lunch

12:30 p.m. Adjourn